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A.—(a) The amendments to the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923, referred to in the answer to clause (b) of question No. 199 have already been published as Notification No. 824, dated 30th October 1928, at pages 1729–30 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th November 1928.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government have taken no such steps as they do not consider it worth while to collect statistics of death caused on account of bus accidents all over the Presidency, as the information is available at the headquarters of the districts.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"With reference to clause (c), may I enquire whether, having regard to the desirability of making the necessary changes in rules, Government do not consider it necessary to keep themselves informed of the accidents causing death?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"We get it from the districts."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I know whether Government do not think it necessary to keep themselves informed about the accidents of death in order to see what amendments are necessary?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"Whenever we want the information we can get it."

Civil Justice

Latrine and other amenities in the Sessions Courts.

1403 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what accommodation and arrangements for seating, waiting, retiring for tiffin and rest, latrines or urinals, and for paying travelling allowance and batta exist in the several Sessions and Assistant and Additional Sessions Courts in the Madras City and outside?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"No, Sir. The question refers to latrines and other matters throughout the Presidency and I do not think it will serve any useful purpose."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I inform him that the arrangements are very inadequate and very much neglected."

The hon. the President :—"The hon. Member is making a speech."

Marine

Expenditure on the Cochin Harbour Works.

1404 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing—

(a) the expenditure from the beginning up to date on the Cochin Harbour Works ; and